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## CREF 2013: Energy ministers weigh in on climate change- when will deniers listen?



**Phillip Paulwell**

Attending an informative event such as the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, CREF, is particularly interesting in light of a disturbing piece of news coming out of Texas less than three weeks prior to the opening ceremonies of CREF. A



**Kenred Dorsett**

battle over the choice of science textbooks and curriculum is waging, because a number of climate change deniers have been appointed to the board to select the texts. They are insisting that the discussion of climate change be removed from seven proposed texts under



**Dr. James Fletcher**

consideration, maintaining "there is no evidence for a human influence on the carbon cycle," and "there is no evidence on the effect of climate change on species diversity."

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## Chemical weapons watchdog wins Nobel Peace Prize



**The OPCW's Ahmet Uzumcu said the prize would spur the organisation's efforts**

OSLO (AFP) - The watchdog now overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical arsenal won the Nobel Peace Prize yesterday for its efforts to rid the world of the devastating weapons.

In a surprise choice, the Nobel committee honoured the UN-backed Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for "its extensive efforts" in banishing

the scourge of chemical arms.

"Recent events in Syria, where chemical weapons have again been put to use, have underlined the need to enhance the efforts to do away with such weapons," the Norwegian jury said in its statement.

A team of around 30 OPCW arms experts and United Nations logistics and security personnel are on the ground in Syria and have started to destroy weapons production facilities.

OPCW head Ahmet Uzumcu told reporters in The Hague, the seat of the organisation, that the prize could help boost his group's efforts.

"I hope this prize will give new impetus in the future," he said. "Syria remains a great challenge to the organisation."

The OPCW was founded in 1997 to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention signed on January 13, 1993.

The convention is "one of the most successful non-proliferation agreements in history," said Karl Dewey, a London-based expert with defence consultancy IHS Jane's.

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## CREF 2013: Energy ministers weigh in on climate change..

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The National Academy of Sciences disagrees, but the rejection of textbooks by one school board can hinder its purchase and distribution among others.

Those attending the CREF event on Aruba would certainly agree how counter-productive this attitude is towards educating the next generation on necessary habits for preserving the environment, and the threat that climate change poses. Much of the discussion at CREF is the practicalities of weaning away from oil as an energy source, simply for the economic dilemma and disaster continued oil dependence poses for Caribbean nations with limited resources. The change to renewable, "clean" energy sources is a pragmatic one to a great extent, with the added value of reducing the carbon footprint and hopefully, turning around the greenhouse effect that is melting polar ice caps and important glaciers.

Island nations, not only in the Caribbean, have greater concerns regarding the steady rise in temperature of the atmosphere and have tangibly experienced the consequences. Rising sea levels are eroding beaches, one of their most important economic assets. Exceptionally high sea surface

temperatures kill another asset: the reefs, which are also habitats to not only a tourist attraction, but a vital element of the locally harvested food supply. Those warmer waters also contribute to the larger, more intense summer storms that can do so much damage to property, cost lives, and disrupt economies.

Three of the visiting officials were invited to the stage on Thursday morning, during the opening ceremonies of the CREF 2013 at the Westin Resort in Palm Beach, for a "Ministers' Debate." They were Minister of Environment & Housing, The Bahamas, Kenred Dorsett, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, Jamaica, Phillip Paulwell and Saint Lucia's Minister for the Public Service, Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology Dr. James Fletcher. Moderating the debate was the President of the Carbon War Room and former President of Costa Rica, Jose Maria Figueres. Mr. Figueres described the participants as "having portfolios that are extremely relevant and strategic to this discussion."

A focal point of the discussion was the impact of increased and more efficient

mining of gas on the process of switching over to "clean" renewable energy methods. Mr. Figueres noted "We live in a world that continues to send us contradictory signals with respect to the future we wish to move towards. On the one side, in 2011, the world spent \$523 billion on fossil fuel subsidies, almost \$2 billion a day. In 2012 the world spent \$674 billion in finding and developing oil and gas alternatives. Only yesterday, the president of the OACD, said "We need to achieve zero emissions from fossil fuel sources by the second half of the 21st century—only 40 years away."

Gas is much cleaner burning than coal, which is the cheapest and dirtiest, or oil, with its continually rising costs and volatile market, but still leaves a footprint. For many governments and administrators, the most immediate issue is keeping the cost of energy affordable for its businesses and citizenry; reducing emissions is a strong concern, but not the primary concern, just yet. Peter Boyd, COO of the Carbon War Room explained in his opening address that it takes 768 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> to generate \$1 of GDP in the world today. If we are to look at the trends of rising population and income centers, while attempting to keep climate stable at 102 degrees, (still pretty warm) the number of CO<sub>2</sub> generated we need to achieve to stem the warming trend is 6 grams. "We need to act quickly and boldly," he advised the CREF delegates.

When asked if gas is changing the equation in their respective countries, all three ministers admitted that they expect LNG will likely be a factor they cannot ignore in keeping the cost of running a country and doing business affordable. Minister Dorsett stated, "The cost of kwh is .42 cents in The Bahamas, incred-



Minister panel of discussion

ibly high. It is a burden on the back of businessmen and people. While we have been talking of reducing the cost of energy and employing renewables, no significant action has been taken. We believe that looking to natural gas can be game-changing for us, it is a cleaner fuel."

Jamaica's Minister Paulwell conceded that his country also wrestles with a similar cost of kwh. He explained that a new government in Jamaica is attempting to implement policy, which "at the core, is based on diversification... We have been dependent on diesel for many years, using very old, antiquated equipment. We have decided to transform our base fuel to gas. A new and more efficient plant, capable of producing megawatts is now in process, which is expected to go online by the end of 2016."

Dr. Fletcher asserted that "gas energy balances the equation a little better. I wouldn't say changes it completely, because I wouldn't want gas to keep us from what should be our objective, which really, ideally, is a pathway that allows us to significantly reduce our carbon footprint, reducing our use of fossil fuels... gas does allow us to burn a "cleaner" fossil fuel, but it still, a recent recognized report tells us the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on climate change are worse and

happening faster than was originally projected. I do not consider turning to gas as the answer to the problem, it is an immediate tool to reduce or cost of energy, but we should be looking at wind and solar technologies, with hydro; these are the methods to wean ourselves from fossil fuels and give us the energy independence we require."

CREF has welcomed dozens of highly placed officials from across the Caribbean attending the event, but their concerns over the continually rising cost of oil and the threat of climate change are based on very tangible, pragmatic evidence they witness and live with daily. Dr. Fletcher cited witnessing the loss of beachfront due to rising sea levels, and the subsequent loss of businesses that rely on that valuable asset, eroding not only the land, but the economy.

For Caribbean islands, and many other such small nations across the globe, in the Pacific and Indian Oceans, climate change is not an unproven theory, it threatens their populations. Some have already made plans for evacuation procedures, and even concerned and observant individuals in Florida have reported the southern portions of the state will face this same dilemma within a few decades.

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## Cruise Tourism during the off-season rise of whopping 144%!



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Ministry of Tourism, ATA and APA and to the changes which took place, we were able to convince the cruise lines to visit our island during the off-season."

With an economic impact of an average of \$120 per day per person (study done by the University of Aruba), there is

Low Season 2013 (May-September)	Pax	Crew
Low Season 2013	116,912	45,667
Low Season 2012	47,765	17,141
Difference	69,147	28,526
Increase %	144.8	166.4

From May to September 2013, Cruise Tourism increased by 144.8%. This is an increase of 69,147 passengers. In 2012 there were 47,765 passengers and in 2013 116,912 passengers.

The Minister had as a goal to see an increase in passengers during the "off-season" to help increase economic activity during this period. This goal was certainly achieved. 2013

According to the mandatory: "Thanks to all the hard work and efforts by The

a substantial growth in economic income especially for the months of May to September. This was very important and extremely positive.

Along with the increase in the amount of calls, there was also an increase in the number of crew members. Crew numbered 17,141 to 45,667. This is an increase of 166%. It has been noted that crew members also spend when visiting an island. Hence, the economical impact was substantial.



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## Florida Caribbean Cruise Association held annual conference in Colombia



The Aruba Tourism Office recently attended the 20th Conference of the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA), which was held this year in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Delegates from different Caribbean destinations came together to make use of the opportunity to meet with important executives of the different cruise lines.

ATA CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Cruise & Niche Market Manager, Gloria Vega attended the conference to represent Aruba. The conference was held from September 30 to October 4th with different seminars, events,

meetings and receptions giving Aruba as much exposure possible as an important destination.

Aruba met with executives such as Amílcar Cascas Vice President of Tour Operations of Carnival Cruise Lines. They also met with Chris Martin, Director of Port Operations of Holland America Line and Jennifer Marmanillo who is Itinerary Manager and Planning for the Norwegian Cruise Line.

They also held meetings with representatives of Colombia, Bonaire and Curacao to explore the possibility to unite strategically to offer an itiner-

ary to cruise lines. They also met with, among others, destinations such as Barbados, Granada, Dominica, Trinidad & Tobago, etc, to explore other alliances that may help increase the arrival of cruise lines to the Caribbean region.

One important observation is that Aruba was used on different occasion during the Conference as an example of how destinations should rejuvenate and reinvent their destination. Aruba was said to be doing things right and is a perfect example of how Cruise business should be run.

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## Loyal visitors honored by Aruba Government



Recently, The Aruba tourism Authority honored a group of visitors as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba for their love and loyalty towards our island. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecutive. Antonio and Immacolata Santilli from New Jersey were honored as Distinguished Visitor of Aruba for visiting Aruba for 12 years consecutive years. Also Richard & Linda Bocca were honored as an Distinguished visitor after returning to Aruba for more than 10 years consecutive. Mrs. Linda commented that she will never change her vacation island for any other island. Mr. Ricardo Croes representing Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Occidental Grand Aruba & Casino.

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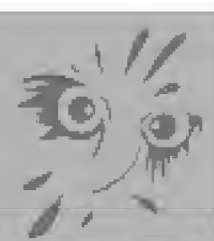
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## Florida Caribbean Cruise Association held annual conference...

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Meeting with Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Mrs. Gloria Vega of the Aruba Tourism Authority

The opening ceremony had the honor of the President of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos. A welcome party followed the opening session which was dedicated to

Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Gabo). The conference was a whopping success, according to the Aruban delegation.

Other representatives who

were also present at the conference were: Aruba Ports Authority, Maduro & Sons and Armando Agencies. The next Conference will be held in Sint Maarten.

## First Donkey Calendar 2014 is for Rico Rijk



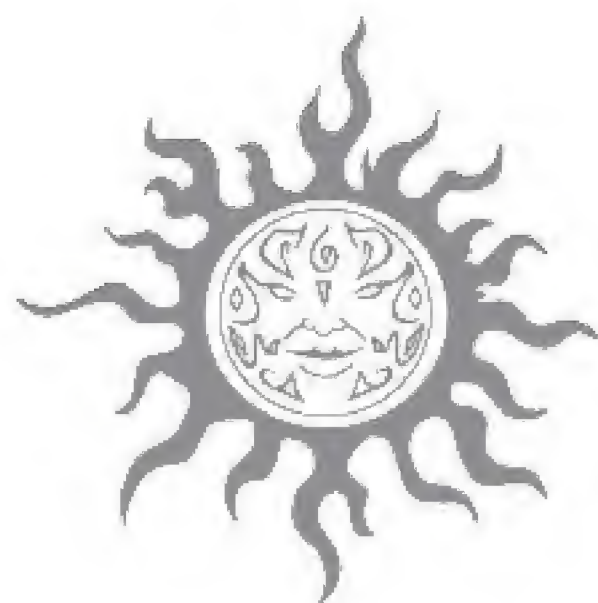
As is our tradition on World Animal Day, the first Donkey Calendar 2014 is officially handed over to a local celebrity and fan of the Donkey Sanctuary. This year Rico Rijk, DJ of Radio Cool FM, was chosen for this honor. During a live broadcast he and his charming co-presenter Angela Tiemens received the first calendars.

The full-color calendar of the year 2014 is full of information and gorgeous donkey photographs. Twelve sponsors have taken care of the cost of this calendar, so that the entire proceeds will go towards our foundation.

Earlier on the same morning the calendar was presented on television on TeleAruba; 'Miss Donkey Sanctuary' Desiree Eldering presented it later in the morning during Rico Rijk's radio show at Cool FM. Desiree was in the company of photographer Luc Peek and graphic designer Saskia Aan-hane who have been instrumental for the production of this calendar.

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## Malala calls on world to make education top priority

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl activist who has become a world champion of girls' rights, called yesterday for the World Bank to make education its top priority.

Seated on a stage with World Bank President Jim Yong Kim in a one-on-one presentation in Washington, the 16-year-old Malala delivered a poised, articulate and impassioned plea for children's education.

Asked by Kim for her advice to the World Bank, Malala noted that organizations spend much of their money on health, AIDS and other programs. "But I think all those organizations must make education their top priority," she said. That focus would fight child labor, child trafficking, poverty and AIDS.



Kim announced the World Bank was donating \$200 million to the Malala Fund, a foundation she has launched to help girls around the world go to school and promote universal access to education.

Malala said that she decided to launch the fund because she needed to do "work on the ground" to promote education, in addition to speaking out about the issues.

Malala was shot in the head

by the Pakistani Taliban on October 9, 2012, for speaking out against their ideology and has gone on to become a global ambassador for the right of all children to go to school.

Asked by a girl in the audience how she lives a normal teenage life, Malala replied: "I have accepted this busy life for a reason... the education of every child."

On Thursday she won the European Union's prestigious Sakharov human rights prize, drawing a fresh murder threat from the Taliban.

That same day the World Bank's Kim called Malala "a powerful symbol of hope" at a news conference as World Bank and International Monetary Fund annual meetings got underway.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Around 50 dead in new shipwreck off Sicily

ROME (AFP) - Around 50 migrants, including a dozen children, died yesterday when their boat sank between Malta and Sicily, the Italian news agency Ansa reported.

The agency said 150 of the boat's passengers were rescued by a Maltese ship and another 50 were saved by the Italian navy, a week after a similar incident off the Italian island of Lampedusa killed more than 300 refugees.

"The operation is in progress. The navigational conditions are difficult, with strong wind," a Maltese navy spokesman told AFP, saying rescue boats and helicopters had been sent to the site around 110 kilometers (70 miles) south of Malta and 100 kilometres south of Lampedusa.

Initial reports suggested the boat sank between Malta and Sicily.

The migrants alerted the authorities using a satellite phone when the boat got into diffi-

culty in Maltese waters close to the Italian island of Lampedusa.

The boat capsized after those aboard attempted to catch the attention of a military aircraft surveying it by collecting at one end of the vessel, the Maltese navy said.

Malta dispatched rescue ships and helicopters to help those aboard the stricken boat, and diverted commercial vessels from the area, while Italy sent helicopters and two naval vessels.

Yesterday morning, Italian divers found another body from the refugee shipwreck last week off the coast of the island of Lampedusa, further raising the death toll in the tragedy that has cost more than 300 lives.

Only 155 survivors were rescued out of an estimated 500 people, most of them Eritreans and Somalis, on the boat which departed from Libya.

### Chemical weapons watchdog wins Nobel Peace Prize

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**U.N. chemical weapons experts wearing gas masks carry samples collected from one of the sites of an alleged chemical weapons attack while escorted by Free Syrian Army fighters in the Ain Tarma neighbourhood of Damascus August 28, 2013.**

"It has near-universal coverage and the OPCW, the body that oversees compliance, has helped shape the international norms on the non-use of chemical weapons," he said.

Swedish chemical weapons expert Aake Sellstrom, head of UN weapons inspections in Syria, welcomed the attention given to chemical weapons with the Nobel Prize.

"Later on, once we have got rid of all chemical weapons, it's time to tackle nuclear weapons," he told Swedish news agency TT.

Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who won the peace prize in 1990, said in

a statement that the Nobel would "provide the impetus to accelerate efforts to rid the world of these deadly weapons."

The OPCW was not considered among the front-runners for the prize until the eve of the announcement.

Teenage Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai and Congolese doctor Denis Mukwege had been among the favourites for this year's prize.

This marks the second consecutive year an organisation has won the prestigious award. Last year's award went to the European Union.



## International News

### Facebook Kills Privacy Option to Hide from Strangers

--Facebook has quietly deleted a long-standing user privacy setting, removing one of the last obstacles to prevent complete strangers from finding each other on the pre-eminent social network.

Until now, Facebook users have been able to limit people who search for them to "Friends" or "Friends of Friends." (The default setting is "Everyone.") In other words, John Smith was able to make sure that only people who had some degree of connection to him could search for his presence on Facebook.

Now, "Everyone" — more than a billion Facebook users — will be able to search for "Everyone" else, no questions asked.

Facebook Chief Privacy Officer Michael Richter down-

played the change in a company blog posting yesterday (Oct. 10) entitled "Finishing the Removal of an Old Search Setting." He characterized the privacy option as a vestige of a more primitive time, and one that was standing in the way of progress.

"The setting was created when Facebook was a simple directory of profiles and it was very limited," Richter said, adding that it "made Facebook's search feature feel broken at times."

"People told us that they found it confusing when they tried looking for someone who they knew personally and couldn't find them in search results," he wrote, "or when two people were in a Facebook Group and then couldn't find each other through search."

### Turkey seizes 346 kg of heroin: official

ANKARA (AFP) - Turkish drugs police seized 346 kilos (762 pounds) of heroin in Istanbul as part of a joint operation with the National Intelligence Organisation, an official source said Friday.

Authorities found the drugs in a vehicle in the suburb of Silivri after an operation carried out in both Istanbul and Hakkari, an eastern town near the Iranian border.

The authorities suspect the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) of organising the smuggling of the seized drugs from Iran to Europe, the official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The authorities arrested 11 people including one Iranian. Two were released after questioning.

Straddling Asia and Eu-

rope, Turkey lies on several major smuggling routes and is the main entry point for heroin on the European market.

"The vast majority of heroin in the EU continues to transit through Turkey and is trafficked by Turkish (organised crime groups) from its origin to destination markets," a 2013 Europol report said.

The UN's latest World Drug Report said that seven tonnes of heroin were seized in Turkey in 2011, a significant decline from previous years that the study said owes in part to increased law enforcement activity.

Turkey, which has recently attempted to revive peace talks with the separatist Kurds, has chronically accused the PKK of deriving its funds from narcotics and people smuggling.



**MOSCOW** - The first verified photograph of Edward Snowden in Russia has appeared, showing the NSA whistleblower meeting four former US government officials who presented him with an award for "integrity in intelligence". Edward Snowden holds the Sam Adams award for integrity in intelligence, with former US government officials Coleen Rowley and Thomas Drake, ex-US officials Jesselyn Raddack and Ray McGovern, and (second right) UK WikiLeaks journalist Sarah Harrison.

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### Netherlands rejects parole for far-right leader's killer

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The man who killed flamboyant far-right Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn more than a decade ago will not be released on early parole, Dutch Deputy Justice Minister Fred Teeven said on Friday.

Volkert Van der Graaf, 44, is serving an 18-year sentence for the 2002 murder of the outspoken and openly gay Fortuyn, an act that shattered the liberal Netherlands' image of itself as a unified and secure society.

"According to advice... granting Van der G. parole would bring a risk of social unrest, danger to himself and his family and the danger of the public order being seriously disturbed," Teeven said in a statement in The Hague.

Teeven consulted police, the public prosecutor's office and the Dutch anti-terror and safety body, as well as Fortuyn's family before making his decision.

Last week a Dutch justice advisory board said Van der Graaf should be granted a "controlled" early release, as the best way to reintegrate and prepare him for an eventual return to society.

Van der Graaf is eligible for parole early next year after serving two-thirds of his sentence and has asked the state to



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rule on his request to push forward his release date. Officials had warned however that Van der Graaf's early release could reopen old wounds, given the widespread public anger that followed Fortuyn's assassination in a television station car park on May 6, 2002.

Van der Graaf's risk "is enhanced by the fact that he is known across the country and therefore could not appear in public without being recognised", Teeven added.

"Should he get parole, it would come with heavy security arrangements and serious limitations on his movements," the justice ministry said in a statement.

Teeven however made a number of concessions to Van der Graaf, saying his "freedom in detention" was being broadened.

This includes allowing him to contact his city council and bank, and the right to more regular visits.

Van der Graaf will also be allowed to spend time in a special apartment within the prison where he can receive visitors overnight. He is allowed to stay there six times for a duration of up to 60 hours each time.

Van der Graaf shot the hugely popular Fortuyn, 54, in the head days before elections in which the Pim Fortuyn List (LPF) party was expected to make major gains on the back of an anti-immigration ticket.

Widely seen as the forerunner of today's Freedom Party (PVV) of controversial rightwing politician Geert Wilders, Fortuyn called Islam a "backward culture" and called for Dutch borders to be closed to immigration.





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## Health & Living

### Judge strikes down smoking ban in New York state parks

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - A US judge has ordered an end to a smoking ban imposed in public parks and beaches across New York state last February.

The ruling applies to 179 parks across the state, as well as beaches, sporting grounds, picnic spots, camping areas and historic sites run by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

A New York-based group, Citizens Lobbying Against Smoker Harrassment (C.L.A.S.H), had challenged the ban, on the grounds that parks had exceeded their authority.



New York State Supreme Court Justice George Ceresia ruled in their favor, declaring that the state parks agency had "extended their reach beyond interstitial rulemaking and into the realm of legislating."

C.L.A.S.H on Thursday welcomed what it called a vindication of individual free-

doms.

"This is putting the prohibitionists on notice that, despite their ugly war being waged on adults who choose to smoke, they are not entitled to a free-for-all in governing when it comes to this segment of society," said its founder Audrey Silk.

It has been illegal to smoke in bars, restaurants and work places in New York state for the last 10 years.

In New York City it is also illegal to smoke on public beaches, parks and public swimming pools since 2011.

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### Canadian court upholds ban on euthanasia

OTTAWA (AFP) - A court in Canada's westernmost British Columbia province upheld the nation's ban on euthanasia Thursday.

In a two-to-one split decision, the British Columbia Court of Appeal overruled a lower court's quashing of a part of the Criminal Code, saying it was bound by a high court ruling 20 years ago against doctor-assisted suicide.

The ruling comes after a lower court struck down the ban last year, calling it discriminatory, disproportionate and overbroad.

The federal government appealed that ruling, arguing that the ban protected society's most vulnerable.

Not everyone agrees. A Canadian microbiologist

who reassured a frightened nation during the 2003 SARS crisis reignited debate over the controversial issue last month with a posthumous plea for assisted suicide.

In a video recorded eight days before his death last month, Donald Low called for Canada's laws to be changed so that he and other terminal patients could choose the time and manner of their death.

In 1993, the Supreme Court rejected terminally ill patient Sue Rodriguez's legal challenge of the ban on physician-assisted suicide.

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## Sci-Tech

# Toyota unveils cars with auto pilot

TOKYO (AFP) - Toyota on Friday unveiled the next generation of cars featuring an auto pilot system that will swerve to avoid collisions and also keep to the middle of the road, all without drivers touching the wheel.

The Japanese giant autos using the self-driving technology could be available on the market in just a few years' time.

"These advanced driving support technologies prevent human errors, reduce driving stress and help drivers avert accidents, which has a big potential to reduce the number of traffic deaths," Toyota managing director Moritaka Yoshida said at a presentation in Tokyo.

Leading automakers and technology firms, including Toyota, rival Nissan and Internet giant Google, have been working on self-driving and assisted-driving technology for years.

Toyota, the world's biggest automaker, said that while drivers would still need to be alert and take part in the driving process, it essentially lets them put the vehicle on autopilot, leaving most of the work to the computer system.

The Automated Highway Driving Assist (AHDA) system lets vehicles communicate wirelessly to avoid running into each other while keeping the car in the middle of the road lane -- no matter



how many twists and turns lie ahead.

"Cars with these technologies recognise the acceleration

ing or slowing speed of those ahead, which also helps avoid traffic jams," said project manager Mitsuhiro Shida.

"They can wirelessly exchange data once every 0.1 seconds."

The company plans to install AHDA in its commercial models over the next few years.

Toyota has already introduced the pre-collision braking assist system in its Lexus luxury sedan and plans to install it in other models by 2015, with the other technologies to follow.

Many cars already have systems that gives drivers a panoramic view to keep watch for nearby objects while parking itself.

The latest collision-avoid-

ance system has doubled the detection time of oncoming objects to four seconds from a previous two seconds, Toyota added.

The automaker said such advances would be especially helpful for older people. Japan's society is rapidly ageing with over-65s already making up around a quarter of the 128 million-strong population.

*This photo taken on October 10, 2013 shows a journalist driving Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor's prototype model electric trike "i-Road", in Tokyo. Cars that drive themselves -- and avoid collisions --*



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7. Four-term pres.
10. Onassis and others
12. "Bali \_\_\_\_"
13. Skeleton component
14. \_\_\_\_ lights
16. Lettuce piece
17. "\_\_\_\_ your heart

out!"

18. Muck
20. Perspire
23. Pupil
27. Jack and Jill went up it
28. Chandler, to Joey
29. Groom's vow (2 wds.)
30. Relates in detail
31. Mother
32. Clever retort
34. Half (prefix)
35. Quakes
36. Least acceptable
37. Storm's center
38. Nero's language

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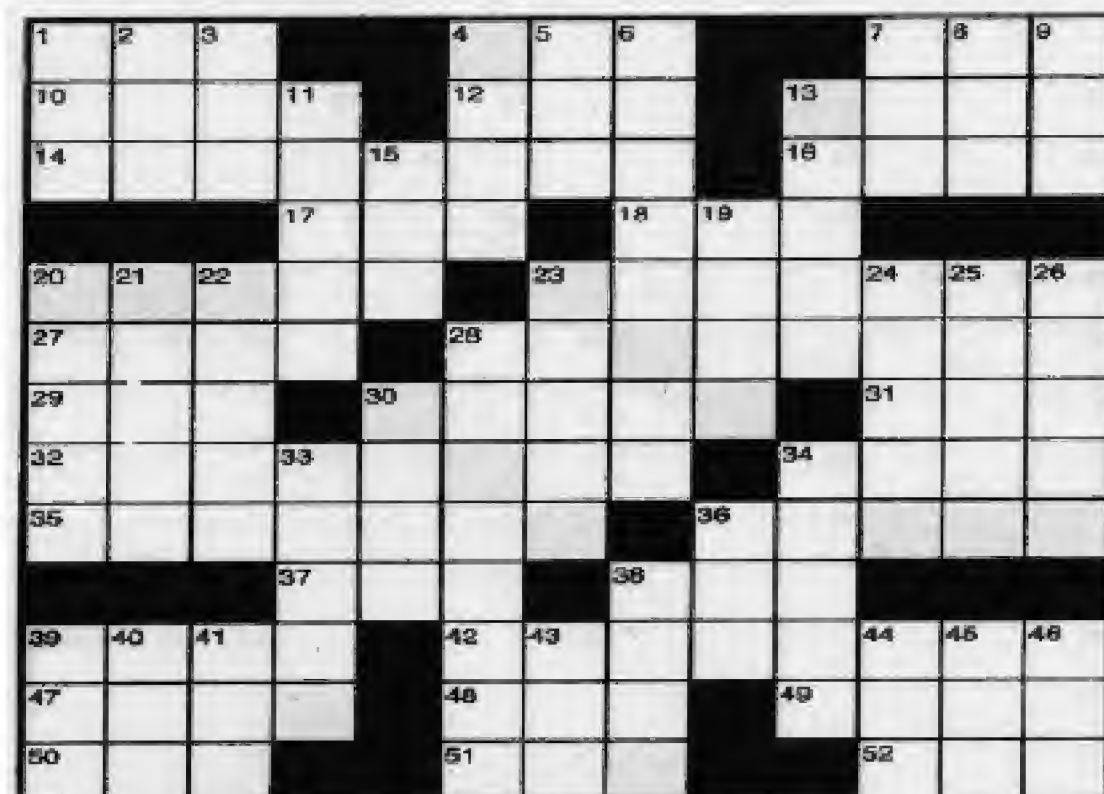
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47. Arden et al.
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49. Crow's-nest cry
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52. Mas' partners

## DOWN

1. Moving vehicle
2. Playing for pay
3. Knighted man's title
4. Sharpen
5. Rowing tool
6. "Merry old soul" (2 wds.)

7. Competitor

8. Basis of heredity (abbr.)
9. Game official, informally
11. Swipe
13. Open up, as a bud
15. Headwear
19. Electrical measures
20. The \_\_\_\_ off one's back
21. Broader
22. Marry secretly
23. Cobblers' concerns
24. Weaker, as an excuse
25. Small particles
26. Send payment
28. Withdraws
30. Actor Donahue
33. Prayer endings
34. Lodging place
36. Soft mass
38. Like fine mesh
39. Wooden fastener
40. A Gabor sister
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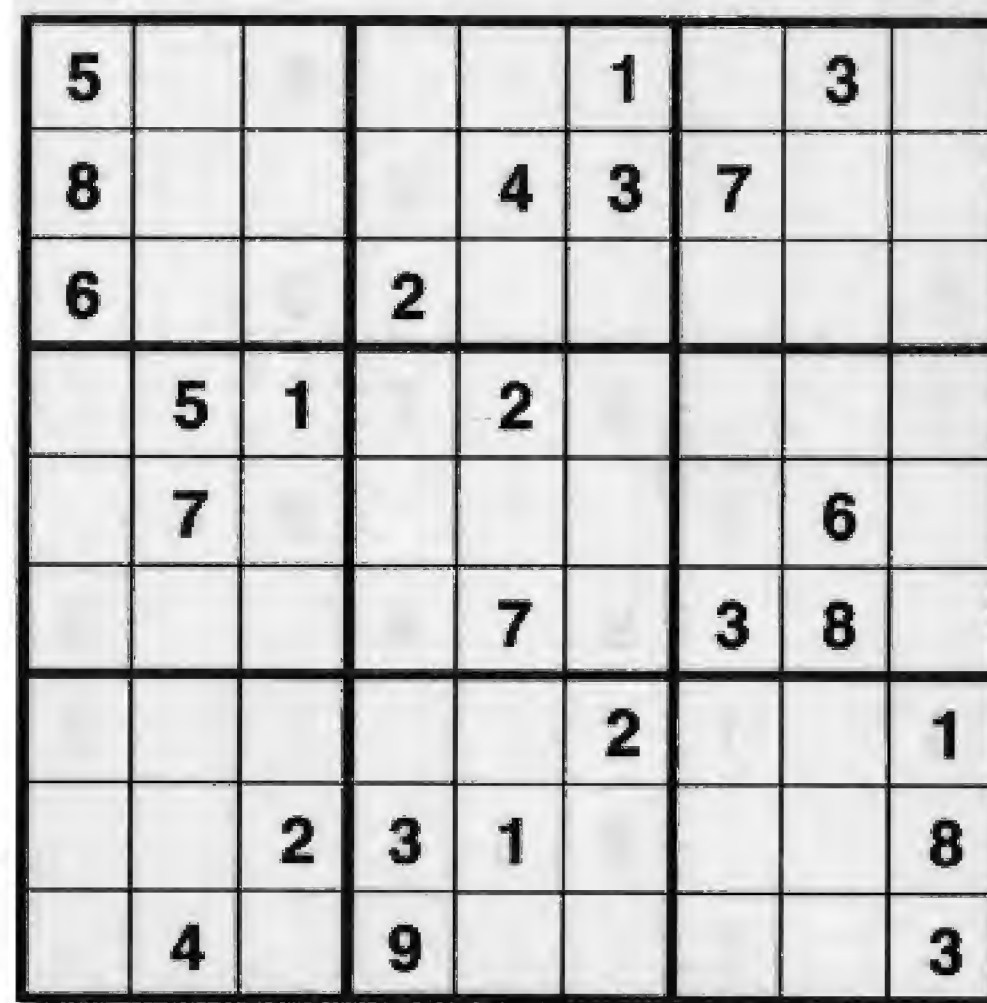
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6	1	9	4	8	2	7	9	9
9	2	4	6	5	9	6	1	8
7	8	6	1	6	9	4	2	9

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.  
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# FINANCE

## Republicans: Good White House meeting but no deal yet

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican senators left the White House yesterday encouraged by talks with President Barack Obama, but warned there was no deal yet to reopen the government and avoid a debt default.

The meeting came a day after House Republicans met Obama with a plan to ease the default threat by increasing US statutory borrowing authority for six weeks and sit down for fiscal talks as a precursor for ending the 11-day shutdown.

Obama has insisted he will not negotiate until Congress raises the debt ceiling and sends hundreds of thousands of furloughed workers back to work.

"Most of us thought that it was a good meeting, but there was certainly no deal cut," Senator Jeff Flake told reporters after the White House gathering.

Republicans want to see spending cuts to help tame the country's outsized debt, but the party is split over whether closing government or threatening a debt default is the right way to achieve the goal.

As members of the 46-

strong Senate Republican delegation poured back into the US Capitol, several said the meeting marked a potentially significant step forward in ending the twin crises that have rocked Washington and the nation.

"I think we're on our way now to dealing with this issue," Senator Bob Corker told reporters, but he stressed that the exact framework of a deal remained unclear.

Most Republicans agree that it is critical for the two sides to sit down for broader budget negotiations that addresses spending on entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

With House Republicans waiting to hear back from the White House, Senate Republicans presented a plan authored by centrist Senator Susan Collins that would raise the debt ceiling short-term and open government, but repeal a medical device tax that helps fund the president's landmark healthcare law.

Several conservatives have sought to make any funding deal contingent on dismantling or delaying parts of so-called Obamacare, but Republican

leadership has steered clear of that approach for the past week.

Senators acknowledged that the medical device tax was discussed in the nearly two-hour meeting and that Obama listened to Republicans on the issue even though he has refused to be held to "ransom" over his signature healthcare law.

"He said individual things that would improve the act but not gut it, he would look at," Flake said.

With an October 17 deadline fast approaching for raising the legal US borrowing limit, the timing of a deal was critical.

"I don't know that there'll be anything that occurs this weekend," Corker said, citing the need to "sync up" proposals by the House and Senate.

But Graham said he was "now confident that in the next 24 to 48 hours the House will produce a continuing resolution that will allow the government to be open in total."

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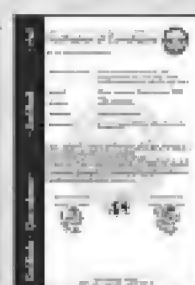
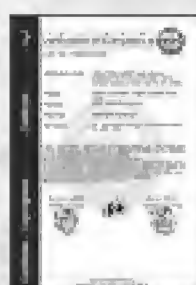
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## France: IMF absence shows need for fixed Eurogroup chief

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The absence of the Dutch head of the Eurogroup from IMF annual meetings in Washington shows the need for a permanent chairman, French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici said yesterday.

Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who was to represent the group of euro-zone finance ministers at International Monetary Fund meeting, was forced to cancel his trip Thursday to attend crucial austerity-budget talks at home.

Moscovici, whose own name has circulated for the post in the past, said that Dijsselbloem's absence is why a permanent chief was needed.

"Today the president of Eurogroup is not in Washington, because he has to lead very difficult talks in his country," Moscovici said at the Council for Foreign Relations in Wash-

ington.

"It's not a problem with him, he's a friend and he's doing the right job... But if we have a permanent minister of finance, this question does not exist," he said.

"We need to have that permanent representative and a guy or a woman who can coordinate the action in Europe and especially in the eurozone," he told the Council for Foreign Relations, a US think tank.

In April, Moscovici had remarked that the Eurogroup could function better, noting there was a sense of drifting in its management of the Cyprus banking crisis and rescue.

Dijsselbloem, who has chaired the group since early 2013, was criticized notably for suggesting that the solution of imposing heavy taxes on depositors in Cyprus should be applied to other banking crises.



WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Queen Maxima of the Netherlands (L) speaks with World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim during the annual World Bank - International Monetary Fund (IMF) meetings in Washington, DC, October 11, 2013. Queen Maxima has a degree in Economics and has worked for large international finance companies in Argentina, New York and Brussels. She currently serves as the United Nations Secretary General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA).





**HOLLYWOOD (AFP)** - A birthday cake for the former Beatle as fans showed up for a public celebration beside John Lennon's 'Star' along the Hollywood Walk of Fame lighting candles, singing songs, and sharing cake on what would have been Lennon's 73rd birthday on October 9, 2013 in Hollywood, California.



**CALIFORNIA** - "Nashville" star (24) Hayden Panettiere has confirmed she is engaged to her boxer boyfriend Vladimir Klitschko (37) and are planning a winter wedding. Panettiere and Klitschko, who's a professional boxer from the Ukraine, have been dating for over two years. The lovebirds briefly broke up back in May 2011 before getting back together.

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## New York pays tribute to new 9/11 victims, 12 years on

**NEW YORK (AFP)** - New York City paid tribute Friday to five police officers who died as a result of illness contracted while responding to the 9/11 attacks 12 years ago.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and police chief Ray Kelly presided over the unveiling of a police memorial wall to which the names of the deceased officers were added.

The monument in Battery Park in southern Manhattan is close to the World Trade Center, which collapsed and where 2,753 people were killed in the attacks.

The five officers aged between 40 and 58 died between July 2011 and July 2012, according to local authorities.

"We owe each of them a tremendous debt of gratitude for their many years of exceptional service as members of the police department," Kelly said.

Around 65,000 people, including more than 50,000 emergency service personnel, have contracted illnesses, particularly breathing and skin conditions, as a result of responding to the Al-Qaeda hijackings in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

They are treated under the World Trade Center Health



Program, which looks after those who responded to the attacks and survivors in the New York disaster area.

In August, the New York Daily News reported that 1,140 people were suffering from cancer contracted as a

result of the attacks.

*NYPD officers bow their heads during an unveiling ceremony at the New York City Police Memorial Wall on October 11, 2012 in New York City*



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## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine.

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta).

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## SPORTS

## Aruban Beach Volley Ball Duet preparing for International games

-- The beach volleyball sport requires much physical preparation for top level performance. The playing surface is the sand next to the ocean. The constant jumping on that sort of surface, the speed of the ball to attack and defend, are all technical-tactical aspects as well as the heat of the sun, requiring much stamina from players who practice this sport. It requires much dedication, discipline and sacrifice.

In Aruba we have a volleyball team that has achieved an acceptable level for our region. The two athletes are Mitchell A. Daniel and Eargenell de Cuba. On Wednesday October 9th they left for the Virgin Islands to continue on to the NORCECA circuit.

In September the team went to Puerto Rico where they secured a place in the 9th to 17th participating team. Their goal is to classify for the Central American Games of the



Caribbean, which is to take place in November 2014 in the city of Veracruz, Mexico.

Technical director of COA, Edmundo Josian, President of the Technical Commission, Chu Halabi, the Technical Asesor of COA, Abelardo "Cucoi" Pachero and the sports psychologist, Julissa Jones did a session control with the volleyball duet.

The technical directors of COA and CEMEDAR will give this sport their professional support that it deserves, in view of the talent and discipline of our prospective young athletes. Both athletes have received CEMEDAR sports medicine massage sessions before leaving for the competition in the Virgin Islands.

## Football: Russia thrash Luxembourg to close in on World Cup berth

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - Russia moved closer to a berth in the 2014 World Cup with a confident 4-0 win over hosts Luxembourg in their European qualifying Group F here on Friday.

Lokomotiv Moscow midfielder Alexander Samedov, Zenit St Petersburg halfback Viktor Faizulin, Spartak



Moscow's Denis Glushakov and Zenit forward Alexander Kerzhakov scored one apiece to put Russia on 21 points with just one match remaining.

"I think we played a quality match tonight," Russia's manager Fabio Capello said.

"We played speedy football showing a great desire to win. I believe the spectators enjoyed the game.

"We clinched the win thanks to our rapid play. We kept the hosts under constant pressure giving them no chance to play their style of football. I'm pleased both with the result and my team's performance."

The visitors dominated early and in the ninth minute Samedov lifted Russia 1-0 firing home from eight metres from Dmitry Kombarov's precise cross.

Russia continued testing the


hosts defence and in the 39th minute Faizulin made it 2-0 firing under the crossbar from seven metres on Roman Shirokov's pass from the edge of the box.

Glushakov netted Russia's third in first-half injury time sending the ball into the net under Luxembourg 'keeper Jonathan Joubert from close range after the hosts mix-up in defence.

After the interval Russia kept up the pressure and comfortably held onto their advantage.

Kerzhakov rounded off the scoring with 17 minutes to go sending the ball home from close range also on Kombarov's precise cross from the left.

In their last group match on Tuesday Russia will face hosts Azerbaijan at Baku.



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## Football: Danes stunned by late Aquilani leveller



COPENHAGEN (AFP) - Denmark's hopes of a World Cup revival suffered a blow on Friday after a late equaliser by Alberto Aquilani helped Italy secure a 2-2 draw that maintained their unbeaten record in Group B.

Juventus reject Nicklas Bendtner looked to have secured all three points for Denmark when he headed home his second of the night to give Morten Olsen's men the lead in the 79th minute.

However, late substitute Aquilani scored an equaliser in injury time after the ball deflected off the striker's leg following a shot from Pablo Osvaldo.

Italy, who qualified for Brazil 2014 with two games to spare, remain unbeaten on 21 points from nine games while Bulgaria, in second, and Denmark are both eight points

adrift.

The Czech Republic sit in fourth, only one further point behind, meaning there is all to play for in the final round of qualifiers on Tuesday -- when Denmark host whipping boys Malta and the Czechs visit Bulgaria for a play-off spot.

Prandelli admitted Italy had struggled with the pace and determination of Denmark after the interval.

"We suffered in the second half and were pushed on the defensive. My Italy team is designed to play, not to defend," Prandelli said. "We need to dictate play, otherwise we become vulnerable."

Despite Denmark's efforts the hosts were stunned in the first minute of injury time when Osvaldo's shot came off the leg of Aquilani and wrong-footed Andersen in the hosts' net.

## Football: Teams qualified for 2014 World Cup

(AFP) - Teams qualified for the 2014 World Cup so far:

**EUROPE**  
Netherlands, Italy,  
Belgium,  
Germany, Switzerland

**ASIA**  
Japan, Australia, Iran,  
South Korea

**SOUTH AMERICA**  
Brazil (hosts), Argentina

**CONCACAF**  
United States, Costa Rica

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## NFL: Bears beat struggling Giants

CHICAGO (AFP) - Brandon Marshall caught nine passes for 87 yards and two touchdowns in the Chicago Bears' 27-21 win over New York, sending the Giants to their first 0-6 start since 1976.

With the Giants trailing 27-21 with 5:21 left, New York got the ball at its own 15. Eli Manning drove his troops to the Chicago 36 before he tossed his NFL-leading eighth fourth-quarter interception to Tim Jennings with 1:54 remaining to seal the outcome.

"No turnovers. No sacks. It definitely helped us win," said Bears offensive guard Kyle Long.

Chicago's Marshall was limited to 161 yards and a score on 16 catches over his last three games.

The injury-riddled Giants

were without running back David Wilson who suffered neck injury in their last game.

This was be the 49th regular season meeting between the Giants and Bears, with Chicago now holding a 28-19-2 advantage.

Another Super Bowl berth is likely a non-starter for New York.

Since the NFL changed to the current playoff format in 1990, no team has started 0-6 and made it to the post-season.

Quarterback Manning is the first player to throw 15 interceptions in the first six games of a season since Dan Fouts in 1986.

Filling in for Wilson, Brandon Jacobs ran for 106 yards and two scores on 22 carries in defeat.

In other key NFL games this weekend, quarterback Tom Brady could have his favourite target back as the New England Patriots take on the unbeaten New Orleans Saints.

Tight end Rob Gronkowski is hoping to take the field for the first time this season as the Patriots try to rebound against the Saints after losing 13-6 to the Cincinnati Bengals last weekend.

New England has won its first four games despite a sub-par showing so far on offence. It finally caught up to them in last weekend's loss as they scored their fewest points in a game since 2006.

Brady was limited to 197 yards on 13-of-38 throwing.

The 24-year-old Gronkowski had a terrific season in 2011, logging 1,327 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns, and had 55

catches for 790 yards last year before breaking his forearm.

He returned for the playoffs, but again broke the forearm. Gronkowski had three surgeries this past offseason.

Peyton Manning's red-hot Denver Broncos face the winless Jacksonville Jaguars in Colorado.

While the Broncos have been brilliant through a 5-0 start, the hapless Jaguars are being compared to all-time

lowly squads, including their own 4-12 team of 1995.

Denver has also won 16 consecutive regular-season games, while the Jaguars have dropped 10 straight.

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo will be looking to bounce back as the Cowboys take on the Washington Redskins.

Romo and the Cowboys are coming off an emotional loss at home and face another stiff

challenge Sunday against the NFC East rival Redskins.

The Cowboys came so close to upending Manning and the Broncos in last weekend's 51-48 loss, but a late interception by Romo allowed the visitors to march into scoring position and kick a game-winning field goal.

The interception by Romo, just the second of the season, was his only flaw of the game and eventually dropped the Cowboys to 2-3.

The Redskins are 0-1 in the NFC East and winless against the conference this season, while Dallas is 1-0 in the division and 2-0 in the NFC.

In other games this weekend it is, Green Bay at Baltimore, Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh at NY Jets, Carolina at Minnesota, Oakland at Kansas City, St. Louis at Houston, Cincinnati at Buffalo, Detroit at Cleveland, Tennessee at Seattle and Arizona at San Francisco. The Monday night contest has Indianapolis visiting San Diego.

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### Major League Baseball playoff schedule:

(AFP) - Major League Baseball playoff schedule for the best-of-seven American League and National League championship series to determine berths in the World Series (games five through seven if needed):

#### American League

**Boston Red Sox v Detroit**

Sat. Oct. 12 - Detroit at Boston

Sun. Oct. 13 - Detroit at Boston

Tue. Oct. 15 - Boston at Detroit

Wed. Oct. 16 - Boston at Detroit

Thu. Oct. 17 - Boston at Detroit

Sat. Oct. 19 - Detroit at Boston

Sun. Oct. 20 - Detroit at Boston

#### National League

**Los Angeles Dodgers v**  
**St. Louis Cardinals**

Fri. Oct. 11 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

Sat. Oct. 12 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

Mon. Oct. 14 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

Tue. Oct. 15 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

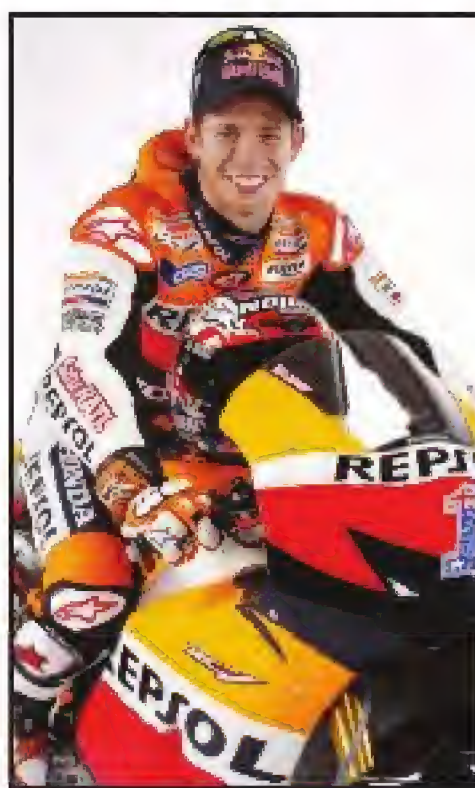
Wed. Oct. 16 - St. Louis at Los Angeles

Fri. Oct. 18 - Los Angeles at St. Louis

Sat. Oct. 19 - Los Angeles at St. Louis



## Motorcycling: Stoner to be honoured as 'MotoGP Legend'



SEPANG (AFP) - Two-time world champion Casey Stoner is set to be inducted into the top motorcycling competition's hall of fame as a "MotoGP Legend", an official said Friday.

The Australian, who will turn 28 next week, retired last year. He won the championship in 2007 and 2011.

"He has been one of the best riders in the history of MotoGP," said Carmelo Ezpeleta, the chief executive officer of Dorna, which runs MotoGP.

"His skills are amazing, and he did something very special by winning two championships on two different makes, Ducati and Honda," he added in a release Friday.

Casey's induction will take place next week at the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix, where he will join fellow Australian world champions Wayne Gardner and Mick Doohan for a "lap of honour".

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## Formula One: Maria de Villota found dead in hotel room

MADRID (AFP) - Former Formula 1 reserve driver Maria de Villota, 33, was found dead in a hotel room in Seville on Friday morning, a police spokeswoman confirmed.

De Villota was in Seville to take part in a conference organised by the "What Really Matters" foundation promoting human values and was due to launch her book titled "Life is a gift" in Madrid on Monday.

The daughter of former

Formula 1 driver Emilio De Villota, she was the first Spanish female to enter the sport when she joined the Marussia team in 2012 as a test driver.

However, just four months later De Villota suffered severe injuries, including the loss of her right eye in a crash while testing at Duxford Airfield in Cambridgeshire.

The news has shocked the world of motorsport with tributes to a female pioneer in the sport pouring in.



De Villota had hoped to become just the third woman in history to take part in a Formula One race and Sauber team principal Monisha Kaltenborn, who became the first female team principal in the sport in 2012, hopes she has left a legacy for future female drivers to follow.

Meanwhile a source close to the case has confirmed after an autopsy was carried out on her body on Friday afternoon Maria de Villota died from natural causes.